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In re Application of

John Vivian WOOD et al

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Application No. 09/514,759

Examiner:

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant wishes to draw attention to the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

These documents were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in the prior Application No. 08/945,497, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120. Under 37 CFR 1.98(d), applicant believes that it is not necessary to provide copies of these documents.

Pursuant to MPEP 609, it is requested that the Examiner should initial Form PTO-1449 to confirm that each document has been considered, and return a copy of the form to the undersigned with the first Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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